

IN MEMORIAM



THE REVEREND FATHER JOHN EDVARD ALTBERG  
24 OCTOBER 1941 – 19 JUNE 2017

Our beloved former rector, Father John Altberg, died suddenly in the early morning hours of Monday 19 June, at his home on Orcas Island, Washington.

Father John dedicated his life to service of others...no better example of which was his uncompromised teaching and pastoral care of Saint Joseph Parish.

Funeral Mass and Burial will take place on Orcas Island, Washington, Thursday 29 June. A Memorial Mass will be held at Saint Joseph Parish on Saturday 8 July commencing at 11:00 AM.

Please keep Rosemarie, John II, Mark and Annie Altberg in you prayers.

*May the Angels lead Father John into Paradise; and the Martyrs receive him at your coming and bring him into the holy city Jerusalem. May the choirs of Angels receive him, and may he, with Lazarus once poor, have eternal rest.*



ELEVATOR SERVICE RESTORATION...

Work continues at a slow but steady pace by the technicians to restore the elevator to full operation. The question on everyone's mind...when will it be ready? When we know...we will let everyone know.

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC...

A normally complex Sunday schedule and parishioners' summer travel necessitates the cancellation of the Annual Parish Picnic originally scheduled for Sunday 16 July.

INDEPENDENCE DAY...



It has long been the practice at Saint Joseph Parish to observe Independence Day on the Sunday closest to the holiday...July 2 this year. In the Collect for Independence Day (*Book of Common Prayer, Page 263*), we first acknowledge God is the source of our liberties (freedom), and then we ask for his grace (help) to maintain our liberties...we are to be good stewards of God's gift of freedom...we are to use our freedom wisely!

When we think about freedom as Anglican Catholic Christians...we should remember what it means to be followers of Jesus...the freedom we receive...and how we should PRACTICE our freedom. We should focus less on freedom FROM something and more on freedom TO DO...the things that will help maintain our liberties...and the duty we have to always pray for peace in our country and throughout the world.

CALL PRIMROSE...

Please remember we collect non-perishable food and other products for CALL Primrose all year. During July we will be collecting canned or pouched tuna and meats and during August we will be collecting Macaroni and Cheese and other pasta items. CALL also has need for paper napkins, paper towels and toilet tissue at any time of the year. Bring your non-perishable food and other contributions to Sunday Mass and we will deliver them to CALL.



SUMMER READING...



We have a number of extra copies of books from previous Lenten studies. Please contact Father Looney if you would like to purchase a copy.

*GREEN IS THE SEASON!*



Trinity Sunday marks the beginning of the long Trinity Season. The length of the Trinity Season is determined by the date of Easter...early Easter means longer Trinity Season...late Easter means shorter Trinity Season. This year we have twenty-three numbered Sundays after Trinity plus the

Sunday Next Before Advent...making Trinity Season 2017 about average in length.

The color of the Altar hangings and vestments worn by the Celebrant for Mass are green throughout most of the Trinity Season. There are few exceptions this year...July 2 Independence Day Observed; August 6 Transfiguration; October 29 All Saints' Day Observed...white will be the color used on these three Sundays.

From Advent Sunday until Ascension Day the Church's liturgical cycle takes us on a chronological procession of the life of Jesus. The emphasis for the first part of the Church Year is on *hearing* the Good News about Jesus. Pentecost (Whitsunday) transforms the hearing into *doing*...nothing short of a CALL TO ACTION!

Trinity Sunday completes the short Whitsuntide Season. It ushers in a season of growth...personal Spiritual growth...made possible by the transformative power of the Holy Spirit...to "keep us steadfast in this faith"...and to "defend us from all adversities".

Green means GROWTH...growth means LIFE. What that means is we should use the long Trinity Season to take what we have learned and grow with it...live in it...and along the way do some planting of our own...because where there is planting...there is potential for growth...where there is growth there is life.

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Sunday, August 6, is the Transfiguration of Christ (*Book of Common Prayer, Pages 247-249*). It has been a major feast of the Eastern Churches since the 4<sup>th</sup> Century, but it was not until 1457 that Pope Callistus II officially adopted it as a universal feast in the Western Church.

The Synoptic Gospels (Matthew 17:1-8, Mark 9:2-8, Luke 9:28-36) describe it, and the Second Epistle of Peter also refers to it (2 Peter 1:16-18). It is also thought the First Chapter of John's Gospel alludes to it..."We saw his glory, the glory which he received as the Father's only Son." (John 1:14)

The Transfiguration of Jesus is a miracle of Jesus, unique in that it is a miracle that happens to Jesus himself. Peter, James and John...were Jesus' closest friends...his "Inner Circle"...they alone were witnesses to the transfigured Jesus..."his face shining like the sun...his clothes like bright white light".

Appearing with Jesus at the Transfiguration are Moses and Elijah...representing the Law and the Prophets. They talk with Jesus about what was to happen to him on the first Good Friday. By their presence they point to Jesus fulfilling the Law and the Prophets. Jesus himself said, "I didn't come to abolish the law and the prophets; I came to make them come true". (Matthew 5.17)

The Transfiguration is a pivotal moment, the point where human nature meets God; the meeting place for the temporal and spiritual. Jesus is the connecting point...the bridge between heaven and earth. This is the second time God identifies Jesus as his Son...the first is at his Baptism...and both times we are told to "listen to him".

The Transfiguration anticipates the Resurrection and Ascension...and gives us a glimpse of our own resurrections and ascensions into heaven...with changed but somehow recognizable bodies...surrounded by bright white light. We can only imagine what that will be like!

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